GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
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MEDICAL TOURISM
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tourists came to India for medical treatment during the year 2006 and in first six months of 2007 along with the names of countries to which they belong;

(b) the number of persons accompanied these sick tourists;

(c) the incentive scheme of the Government to encourage medical tourism and the likely increase in the medical tourism during the coming year;

(d) whether the Government have formulated any scheme for publicity of medical tourism at global level; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Tourism does not collect separate information on medical tourist traffic to India.

(c), (d) & (e): The Ministry of Tourism in collaboration with the Ministry of Health has already initiated several measures to promote Medical Tourism which include promotion in overseas markets and production of publicity materials like brochure, CDs and films etc. and their distribution in target markets. Specific promotion at various international travel fairs such as World Travel Mart, London and ITB, Berlin etc. is also undertaken.

A new category of 'Medical Visa' has been introduced for foreign tourists coming to India for medical treatment.